

as the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce 2018 Agriculturalist of the Year.

Pete Hanse was born and raised in California's Central Valley, attending local schools and choosing to remain in the community as an adult. Establishing a successful family business, Hanse Farms Inc., Mr. Hanse has earned a well-known reputation for his dedication to protecting and preserving the agriculture industry in Kings County and the greater Central Valley region.

Mr. Hanse has further shown his service to the community by his involvement in the Kings County Farm Bureau. For forty-four consecutive years, which is an accomplishment in and of itself, he has volunteered on its Board of Directors. He has held every position on the Board, including serving as President from 1986 to 1988. His involvement continued with his participation in numerous California Farm Bureau state conventions, establishing relationships and gaining knowledge from organizations outside of Kings County.

Through his decades of experience, Mr. Hanse has become known for his superior knowledge on many topics in the agriculture industry. His peers look to him for direction on industry challenges and he is consistently willing to share his wisdom with others. Through his dedication and involvement in the community, Mr. Hanse has become known for his reliability, hard-working character, and leadership for the industry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Mr. Pete Hanse on his dedicated service to the Central Valley and on being honored as the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce 2018 Agriculturalist of the Year.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDW. C. LEVY CO.

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2018

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Edw. C. Levy Co., which was founded in 1918 when Edward C. Levy, Sr. started a trucking business in Detroit, Michigan area.

A short time later, Levy started hauling away steel slag for the Ford Motor Company's River Rouge plant, and then other steel mills.

He began to crush the slag and sell it as road-base material—a move that paved the way for the company's continuing expansion and development.

Today, under the leadership of Ed Levy, Jr. and S. Evan Weiner, the Levy Group of Companies has grown into an international business with locations across the United States and the globe.

Their products and services include steel mill services, slag, natural aggregates, asphalt, concrete and cement, specialty products, logistics, lab services, land development, and agricultural products.

The company is committed to promoting the well-being of their employees and recognizing contributions made by the hardworking, loyal people who work there.

As a good neighbor, Levy is also active in helping to fund local projects and in contributing to charitable organizations that improve

the quality of life in the communities where they are located.

As they celebrate 100 years, Levy maintains a prominent position in the global marketplace and has a sterling reputation for excellence, innovation, and cooperation.

It is a lasting legacy that undoubtedly reaches far beyond Edward C. Levy, Sr.'s wildest dreams.

IN HONOR OF ALVARADOSMITH

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the AlvaradoSmith law firm in California. Since 1993, AlvaradoSmith has provided legal counsel to public agencies, large non-profit corporations, municipalities, emerging businesses, mid-sized companies and Fortune 500 companies. Since then they have opened three offices across California in Santa Ana, Los Angeles and San Francisco, in addition to international locations in Latin America. AlvaradoSmith uses state-of-the-art technology and attorneys with a wealth of experience in different sectors to provide clients with innovative solutions.

The AlvaradoSmith firm was established by Ray Alvarado and Ruben A. Smith with core principles around diversity, excellence, integrity, and community leadership. They have shown their commitment to these values as one of the largest minority-owned law firm in the nation and the largest certified minority-owned law firm in California. Their highly-qualified attorneys attended the nation's prestigious law schools including Berkley Law, Cornell, Georgetown, UCLA, USC and Yale. Their attorneys have breadth in their expertise ranging from business litigation to intellectual property. Their clients include Netflix, Shell, University of California, Restoration Hardware, Southern California Edison and Northrop Grumman.

Today, AlvaradoSmith serve as champions for diversity in legal counsel and continue to set the example for other law firms. AlvaradoSmith fosters inclusivity through their ability to speak over five different languages, investment in a multi-generational workforce, creation of women's leadership forum, and multi-disciplinary practice. I am honored to recognize AlvaradoSmith and its 25 years of dedication to diversity and inclusion.

HERB MEYER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of an inspirational community leader, Herb Meyer, who recently passed away at the age of 87. Mr. Meyer was one of the sailing world's premier disabled racers, and he was dedicated to reducing barriers facing people with disabilities.

Born in 1931, Mr. Meyer began his sailing career at 12 years old in New Jersey. After serving in the Korean War as a jet fighter pilot,

he moved to California in 1963. Once in the Bay Area, Mr. Meyer started racing out of Belvedere Cove and eventually moved to Marin county in 1980.

In July of 1993, while sailing on San Francisco Bay, Mr. Meyer broke his neck and became a paraplegic. After sailing for over 30 years, Herb thought his days on the water were over. Thanks to the Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors, Mr. Meyer was retrained on sailing with a disability, and back out on the bay just one year after his accident. He continued competitive sailing and participated in Paralympic and other international races including in Canada, Italy, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Australia.

Over the years, Mr. Meyer joined many community organizations serving the disabled. In addition to serving as Commodore for the Bay Area Association of Disabled Sailors in 2002, he was on the boards of the Marin Center for Independent Living and the Treasure Island Sailing Center, and he was a founding member of the county's In-Home Support Services chapter. These efforts also translated to national action, as Mr. Meyer chaired the Special Needs Committee for the United States Sailing Association.

Herb Meyer served his country during a time of war and his community thereafter. He faced his disability and worked tirelessly to not only continue his passion for sailing but to lower the barriers for other to do the same. Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor Herb today for his decades of commitment to helping people with disabilities overcome barriers and follow their passions. His presence will be sorely missed, and his leadership not be soon forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2018

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, due to tropical storm Gordon, which impacted my district on 9/4/18, I was en route back to Washington and unable to vote on the following roll call votes on 9/6/18. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 392.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF ST. GEORGE'S MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Macedonian Orthodox Church's consecration in Syracuse, New York. The Macedonian Orthodox Church has long been a staple in the Syracuse community and currently serves 200 families in the area.

Known locally as St. George, the congregation traces its roots back to 1964 when twenty Macedonian immigrant families established the church in upstate New York. Once established, the church registered under the jurisdiction of the Mother church, the Macedonian